



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 1 Lake County**

**Meeting Date: January 27, 2006**

**Meeting Location: Lake County Juvenile Justice Center  
Crown Point, Indiana**

**Council Members Present:** Richard Ban, Jane Bisbee, Mary Beth Bonaventura, Melanie Cox, Rita Daniels, Deborah Harris, Cynthia Kambesis, Jeffrey Miller, Henry Mosley, Charlotte Peller, Elizabeth Tegarden, Lynda Wheeler,

**Council Members Absent:** Glenn Commons, Robin Freeland

**Others in Attendance:** DCS Director James Payne, Terrie Payne, Doug Helvey, Jackie Agee

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at: 3:40 PM**

1. The Child Welfare Request For Funds proposal process in Lake County was discussed. The committee reviewing proposals is still reading and scoring the proposals. A list of proposals received by Lake County was distributed. It was noted that Lake received over 140 proposals from 28 different agencies. Additional handouts about funding sources and dollar amounts for Lake County which were printed from the DCS website were reviewed and discussed. Council members had several questions about the funds and how they could be used. Those questions were answered by Jane Bisbee, Regional Manager for Lake County. Final selections will be part of the February RSC agenda.
2. The Lake County Transitional Living Workshop to be held on Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> was discussed and informational flyers were distributed. Service needs for children aging out of care were discussed and information given on how to access appropriate funds was also discussed.
3. DCS Director James Payne joined the meeting and spoke to the group about the purpose and vision for the Regional Services Council. This included identifying local service needs and how to address them through the council. Funding streams that will be routed through the council in the future were talked about including the Kids First license plates funds. Kid's First key

chains were given to all those present. Director Payne also spoke about issues before the Indiana State Legislature. Systemic change brought about in the new administration was also part of his message.

4. Service needs for Lake County including the need for more foster homes and better attention to the medical needs of children in care were issues brought before the council.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** Tuesday February 22, 2006  
3:30 PM  
Lake County Juvenile Justice Center  
3000 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Crown Point, IN 416307

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 4:45 PM